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Dear Attorney Hesse,

I strongly encourage your support in accepting the proposed settlement in the Microsoft antitrust suit. Microsoft has simply provided a product that meets a market demand at a price the consumer is willing to pay. If anything, their competitors have used similar tactics to grow their own businesses—in a sense, keeping the marketplace fair.

The unfairness lies in Microsoft's competitors using the courts to accomplish what they couldn't do in the marketplace. Oracle's Larry Ellison has very publicly decreed that he will unseat Microsoft as the number one player in the software industry, and he will do anything to accomplish that goal. I sincerely object to this move to replace the free market system with court manipulation. With all due respect, I hope you object as well.

I encourage your full acceptance and approval of the settlement. I truly believe it addresses all involved and allows Microsoft and the industry to move forward on a positive note.

Sincerely,


Wayne Stringer